



December 14, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Executive Director  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. for Adjustment of  
Rates and Charges (See Commission Order No. 2020-313)  
Docket No. 2020-125-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By Order No. 2021-570, dated August 16, 2021, issued in the above-referenced docket, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") authorized Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC" or "Company") to establish a dedicated vegetation management accrual, subject to the reporting and customer protection requirements outlined by the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS"). Below are the reporting requirements required by Order No. 2021-570 and DESC's responsive information.<sup>1</sup>

1. The Accrual should be benchmarked to performance indices (System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) and System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI)) and, at a minimum, reflect commitments made by the Company that "Dominion Energy shall maintain South Carolina Electric & Gas's customer service at no less

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<sup>1</sup> Unless instructed otherwise, the Company will continue to file future quarterly vegetation management accrual reports 75 days after the end of the quarter, which is consistent with the Commission's quarterly financial reporting requirements for DESC's retail electric and natural gas operations. See Docket No. 2006-286-EG styled as "Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's (f/k/a South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's) Quarterly Financial Report." Accordingly, DESC will file its next quarterly vegetation management accrual report on or before March 16, 2022, which will include information for the quarter ended December 31, 2021.

than current levels . . . ” as noted in Commission Order No. 2018-804(A).

**DESC Response:** By letter dated November 12, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto, the Company filed its quarterly service quality report which contains quarterly and annual information concerning the SAIDI and SAIFI for DESC. Please see page 12 of the November 12, 2021 letter.

2. The Company should report on the miles of transmission and distribution that are cut, sprayed, and maintained as part of the tree trimming and vegetation management work plan on a quarterly basis.

**DESC Response:** On September 1, 2021, the Company established its dedicated vegetation management accrual. As a result, the table below reflects the miles of transmission and distribution that are cut, sprayed, and maintained as part of the tree trimming and vegetation management work plan for the month of September only. Beginning with its December 2021 quarterly report, the activities information will be reported on a quarterly basis.

Activity	Miles
Distribution Tree Trimming	155
Distribution Spraying	279
Transmission Tree Trimming	2
Transmission Spraying	108
Total	544

3. The Company should report on Accrual fund balance on a quarterly basis.

**DESC Response:** For the month ended September 30, 2021, the vegetation management accrual liability balance is \$682,824.

4. The Company should develop and provide to the Commission and ORS an annual action plan for the next twelve-month period by no later than December 31 of each year for all planned transmission and distribution miles to be maintained. The annual action plan should include, but is not limited to: 1) estimated costs for implementation; 2) estimated transmission and distribution miles to be maintained;

and 3) an update on actual Company activities comparing the actual costs and miles maintained compared to the projected costs and miles maintained from the current twelve-month period.

**DESC Response:** A copy of the Company's twelve-month action plan for 2022 is attached to this letter. With respect to item number 3 above, DESC will provide this information in subsequent reports.

5. The Accrual is to be used for tree trimming and vegetation management and should be recorded on the books and records of DESC.

**DESC Response:** The Company hereby confirms that its vegetation management accrual is being used for tree trimming and vegetation management purposes only and that its vegetation management accrual is recorded on the books and records of DESC.

By copy of this letter, DESC is providing the other parties of record with a copy of its vegetation management accrual report.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



K. Chad Burgess

KCB/kms

cc: All Parties of Record  
(all via electronic mail only)



November 12, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
**Public Service Commission of South Carolina**  
101 Executive Center Drive  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club, Complainant/Petitioner v.  
South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Defendant/Respondent  
Docket No. 2017-207-E

Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South  
Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code  
Ann. § 58-27-920  
Docket No. 2017-305-E

Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas  
Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and  
Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA  
Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be  
Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the  
Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and  
Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans  
Docket No. 2017-370-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By Order No. 2018-804, dated December 21, 2018, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") ordered Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC" or "Company") to provide certain service quality reports on a quarterly basis with the initial report to be made no less than six (6) months after the close of the transaction, which occurred on January 1, 2019. More specifically, for electric operations, the Commission ordered DESC to provide quarterly SAIDI and SAIFI reporting provided by the Company's affiliate in North Carolina and quarterly Call Center Performance Metrics reporting provided by the Company's affiliate in North Carolina. For gas operations, the Commission ordered DESC to file a quarterly service quality report with the same service quality metrics provided by the Company's affiliate in Utah. By Order No. 2019-394, dated May 29, 2019, the

Commission approved certain modifications to the quarterly reports to properly reflect the processes in place in South Carolina.

In compliance with Order Nos. 2018-804 and 2019-394, enclosed herewith is the quarterly service quality report for DESC's electric and gas operations for the quarter ending September 30, 2021.

By copy of this letter, DESC is providing the other parties of record with a copy of the quarterly service quality reporting.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,



Matthew W. Gissendanner

MWG/kms  
Enclosures

cc: All parties of record in Docket No. 2017-207-E  
All parties of record in Docket No. 2017-305-E  
All parties of record in Docket No. 2017-370-E  
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# Service Quality Standards Monitoring and Reporting

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# Overall Impressions

Dominion Energy South Carolina	2020 Year-End	Data Source	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021
Once you consider the safety, reliability, cost, billing and payment processes, and customer service, how would you rate your overall satisfaction with Dominion Energy South Carolina operational performance?	7.66	Market Strategies	7.61	7.64	7.65
Offers reasonable rates for the services it provides.	6.57	Market Strategies	6.55	6.53	6.52
Communicates information that matters to me.	7.03	Market Strategies	7.08	7.07	6.97
Avoids lengthy service interruptions or outages.	7.42	Market Strategies	7.35	7.43	7.46
Is ethical in its dealings with customers.	6.76	Market Strategies	6.78	6.83	6.76
Is dedicated to the safety of its employees and the community.	7.09	Market Strategies	7.07	7.06	7.04
Cares about my local community.	6.54	Market Strategies	6.53	6.54	6.52

## Notes:

Measures reflect the sentiments of Dominion Energy South Carolina customers, without respect to fuel type.

Market Strategies scoring based on 0-10 scale, 10 being the most positive.

Scoring is a rolling 12-month average.

# Customer Care

Dominion Energy South Carolina	2020 Year-End	Data Source	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021
Percentage of calls answered within 60 seconds after customer chooses menu option.	81.10%	Automated Call Distribution System	72.13%	72.35%	73.42%
Percentage of emergency calls answered within 60 seconds by agent.	96.47%	Automated Call Distribution System	96.62%	96.41%	97.01%
Average Speed of Answer (live voice- and technology-handled calls).	41.48	Automated Call Distribution System/IVR	69.77	48.86	53.21
Answer Rate (live voice-handled calls).	94.60%	Automated Call Distribution System	92.10%	94.88%	94.25%
Amount of time talking with customer and completing request. (AHT)	6:19	Automated Call Distribution System	7:07	6:49	6:56



# Customer Care Continued

Dominion Energy South Carolina	2020 Year-End	Data Source	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021
How satisfied were you with the automated system?	8.44	IVR Satisfaction Survey	8.23	8.51	8.55
Overall, how satisfied are you with this experience?	9.10	Post Call Survey	9.30	9.29	9.42
How satisfied were you with the level of courtesy offered by the representative you last spoke with?	9.56	Post Call Survey	9.70	9.69	9.70
How satisfied were you with the representative taking responsibility for addressing your question or concern?	9.49	Post Call Survey	9.64	9.63	9.68
How satisfied were you with the representative's ability to offer information, options, or solutions?	9.41	Post Call Survey	9.56	9.51	9.62
Has the issue now been resolved? (Y/N)	88.94%	Post Call Survey	89.47%	88.67%	91.32%

## Notes:

Post Call Survey and IVR Satisfaction Survey scoring based on 1-10 scale, 10 being very satisfied.

Dominion Energy suspended all disconnects for nonpayment to residential and commercial customers in response to COVID 19 on March 13, 2020. Effective September 25, 2020 disconnects resumed for nonpayment.

# Customer Affairs

Dominion Energy South Carolina	2020 Year-End	Data Source	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021
Respond to PSC complaint by response request date or within 5 business days if no date is specified in the request.	100%	Internal Report	100%	100%	100%

**Note:**  
Commission provides complaint to legal/regulatory team, and company responds by date requested or within 5 business days if no date is specified in the request.

# Billing

Dominion Energy South Carolina	2020 Year-End	Data Source	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021
Read each meter monthly.	99.9%	Internal Report	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%
Percentage of corrected bills. <sup>1</sup> (# corrected bills/number bills rendered)	0.02%	Internal Report	0.05%	0.03%	0.03%
Send corrected statement to customer within 5 business days.	99.9%	Internal Report	99.7%	100%	98.9%
Percentage of adjustment requests completed within 5 business days. <sup>2</sup>	99.7%	Internal Report	99.7%	99.9%	99.5%

## Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Corrected bills – bills sent to the customer, corrected, and then resent to the customer as a “Corrected Bill”. Examples: misreads, stopped meters, crossed meters, estimated bills, etc. When time does not allow correction in same billing month, correction is completed during next billing month with correction noted on the bill.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes Industrial secured rate accounts . Email communications with Account Manager, Large Customer Billing and Field/Meter technicians are used in lieu of work tasks within CIS.

# Gas Operations – Service Calls

Dominion Energy South Carolina	2020 Year-End	Data Source	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021
How satisfied were you with the Service Rep showing respect for your home and property?	4.89	Field Svcs Satisfaction Survey	4.88	4.88	4.86
How satisfied were you with the Service Rep being knowledgeable?	4.83	Field Svcs Satisfaction Survey	4.81	4.82	4.81
How satisfied were you with the Service Rep being respectful of your time?	4.83	Field Svcs Satisfaction Survey	4.81	4.82	4.79
How satisfied were you with the Service Rep getting the job done right?	4.84	Field Svcs Satisfaction Survey	4.81	4.83	4.82
How would you rate the overall service you received from the Dominion Energy South Carolina Field Service Rep?	4.80	Field Svcs Satisfaction Survey	4.76	4.79	4.77

Note:

Field Services Satisfaction Survey scoring based on 1-5 scale, 5 being the most positive.

Scoring is a rolling 12-month average.

# Gas Operations – Service Calls - Continued

Dominion Energy South Carolina	2020 Year-End	Data Source	Q1 2021	Q2 2021	Q3 2021
Emergency calls - company representative is onsite within 1 hour of call.	90.4%	Internal Data	93.2%	92.6%	93.1%
Unblock meter same or next business day. <sup>1</sup>	98.8%	Internal Data	98.8%	98.8%	98.5%
New set orders worked within 1 business day of release received. <sup>2</sup>	92.6%	Internal Data	91.8%	90.1%	95.3%
Set old location orders worked within 1 business day. (or if a release is needed – once release is received)	94.7%	Internal Data	94.5%	93.7%	93.4%
Keeping customer appointments.	94.7%	Internal Data	94.9%	94.5%	94.2%
Restore interrupted service caused by system failure within 1 business day. (except for service interruptions caused by natural disasters, force majeure events and significant third-party actions)	100%	Internal Data	100%	100%	100%

## Notes:

Gas operations measures are provided for gas service interactions only.

<sup>1</sup> Unblock meter and set old location order percentages data does not include turn down orders.

<sup>2</sup> New sets includes sets turned down for various issues (customer not ready, pressure regulators not installed, etc. due to a process change that affected our metrics)

# Gas Operations – Customer Safety

Dominion Energy South Carolina	2019 Year-End	Data Source	2020 Year-End
Line breaks caused by excavation damages. (all parties)	1458	Internal Data	1111
Number of gas leaks per 100 miles of distribution gas main.	5.7	DOT Reports	4.7
Number of gas leaks per 100 miles of distribution gas service line.	43.2	DOT Reports	60.4
Number of gas leaks per 100 miles of transmission gas main.	0.4	DOT Reports	0.2
Number of damages per one thousand SC811 locate tickets.	3.78	Internal Data	2.86

Note:  
Data produced on an annual basis.

# SAIDI-SAIFI

SAIDI	Period	Excluding Major Storms	Including Major Storms
	Year End 2016	91	1390
	Year End 2017	82	330
	Year End 2018	96	166
	Year End 2019	78	530
	Year End 2020	88	141
	<b>5 Year Average Annual SAIDI</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>511</b>
	4Q20	18	18
	1Q21	14	14
	2Q21	28	28
	3Q21	25	37
	<b>Total for last 12 Months/4 Qtrs.</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>97</b>

SAIFI	Period	Excluding Major Storms	Including Major Storms
	Year End 2016	1.27	2.75
	Year End 2017	1.14	1.85
	Year End 2018	1.37	1.80
	Year End 2019	1.03	1.92
	Year End 2020	1.17	1.40
	<b>5 Year Average Annual SAIFI</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.94</b>
	4Q20	.24	.24
	1Q21	.18	.18
	2Q21	.35	.35
	3Q21	.30	.38
	<b>Total for last 12 Months/4 Qtrs.</b>	<b>1.07</b>	<b>1.15</b>

**2022 Planned Transmission and Distribution Miles to be Maintained  
(plan as of December 2021)**

	2022 Estimated Mileage	2022 Estimated Forecast	Jan-Nov 2022 Actual Mileage	Jan-Nov 2022 Actual Costs	Dec 2022 Actual Mileage	Dec 2022 Actual Costs	2023 Estimated Mileage	2023 Estimated Forecast
Tree Trimming - Distribution	2,503	22,402,159	Information will be provided in the next annual action plan (12/31/2022)		Information will be provided in an update to the annual action plan (1/31/2023)		Information will be provided in the next annual action plan (12/31/2022)	
Tree Trimming - Transmission	331	3,177,792						
Distribution Spray	1,346	636,872						
Transmission Spray	929	1,429,627						
<b>2022 Forecasted Total:</b>	5,109	27,646,450						